

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

IAFM-OPS-HUP

19 December 1978

SUBJ: Summary of Visit to SRI International (12-15 December 1978 (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) PURPOSE: This MFR highlights significant items covered during my visit to SRI. The primary reason for the visit was to undergo formal training concerning techniques of conducting "remote viewing" experiments.

2.(u) This initial training cycle was limited to approximately 3 days since one phase of the program was rescheduled due to lack of resources (experiments at Ft Ord with CDEC element were rescheduled until mid/late January 1979 because SRI did not have trained Subject available).

3.(u) Topics covered during the 3-day training session are as listed:

- a. Right/Left hemisphere dominance.
- b. Method of screening potential subjects.
- c. Role of statistics.
- d. Review of recent experiments conducted by SRI.
- e. Statistics - How they are applied to experiments.
- f. Review of tape recordings from recent experiments.
- g. Instructions on judging procedures.
- h. Factors that inhibit/enhance success of experiments.
- i. Relationship of subject to interviewer.
- j. Role of out-bound team.

4. (S/NOFORN) During the course of the 3-day visit, several informal discussion sessions were held. These sessions proved invaluable as regards the exchange of various points-of-view on remote viewing phenomena. Some of the "key" discussion points are listed below:

a. One of the primary objectives of our program will be to establish how we can use the information obtained via remote viewing. For example, it would ~~be~~ us little good if a psychic describes place where kidnapper holds individual but ~~he~~ can't tell you where the place is located.

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b. Ruled out use of questionnaire that we had developed for screening possible subjects. Felt that questions were "hostile", could be misleading, danger of people seeking right or correct answer, and really wouldn't prove anything one way or another.

c. As a result, we agreed that selection of subjects should be done via one of the following methods:

(1) Modify questionnaire--use as a vehicle to open discussion with possible subjects during one-on-one interview.

(2) Have SRI rep speak to INSCOM personnel at some sort of assembly using "Broadening of Mind" approach. This proposal has element of security risk even though presentation would have cover of professional development as purpose for presentation.

d. Security of program was discussed in great detail. SRI personnel would probably feel better if everything was "out-in-the-open". Suggest we discuss with SRI (and their subjects) before DA prepares any final position concerning what will or will not be released to the press.

e. SRI stressed that DA, INSCOM, etc. should be aware that training program will not insure instant success and that development of subject's ability to perform at a reasonable level could take up to two years and, even then, no one can guarantee success.

f. A review of SRI's year-end studies in remote viewing revealed the following:

(1) There is an increase in reliability of psychoenergetic functioning as a result of practice.

(2) Following factors appears to inhibit success in RV:

(a) Prior knowledge of target possibilities.

(b) Absence of feedback.

(c) Doing trivial tasks (test for the sake of testing).

(d) Use of repetitive target sequences.

(3) Factors that enhance success in RV:

(a) Interest factor for SUBJECT.

(b) Seriousness of purpose.

(c) A monitor to ask questions.

(d) Practice with feedback.

g. We (myself, Dr. Puthoff, Russell Targ) decided that in judging INSCOM experiments that the best approach would be for the judge to go to Site 1 and review selected number of target transcripts and rate accordingly.

h. One of SRI's principal SUBJECTS stressed that individual (selected for program) is going to have to handle the fact that change to basic beliefs might occur.

5. (S/NOFORN) We agreed that target date of late January 1979 was realistic for being prepared to make final selection of INSCOM subjects. SRI will send representatives to Ft Meade to help in final selection procedure. I suggested that it might be possible to arrange luncheon during such a visit whereby the ACSI, CDR INSCOM and other senior Army officials could have the opportunity to meet the SRI team (including II) and discuss overall philosophy of program.
NOTE: I will pursue this item with OACSI Action Officer - Maj Stoner, and appropriate officials within INSCOM.

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SUBJ: SRI International Visit (12-15 Dec 78), Time Schedule

TUESDAY - 12 Dec 78

0900: Departed Baltimore/Washington Airport.
1145: Arrived San Francisco Airport.
1200-1300: Travel to and in-processing at hotel.
1300-1330: Travel to SRI (via rent-a-car).
1330-1500: Discuss agenda for training sessions.
1500-1830: Presentation on "Remote Viewing" techniques by Charles Tart (via graduate student).

WEDNESDAY - 13 Dec 78

0800-1730: Remote Viewing Training Techniques.

THURSDAY - 14 Dec 78

0800-1600: Remote Viewing Training Techniques.
1600-1830: Discussions with Dr. Puthoff and Ingo Swann.

FRIDAY - 15 Dec 78

0800-1000: Remote Viewing Training Techniques.
1000-1100: Review of "Advanced Threat Technique Assessment."
1100-1145: Wrap-up session with Dr. Puthoff and Mr. Targ.